

# Bulletin

## Tasmanian Automotive Chamber of Commerce



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### Key updates on Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6

#### Modification Code J4 – Tipper bodies

Dear member

This week the Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Victoria (CVIAV), along with the Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Australia (CVIAA) and the Heavy Vehicle Industry Australia (HVIA) met with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to work through industry feedback provided on the proposed VSB6 – Modification Code J4 - Tipper bodies (the J4 Code).

A wide range of major and minor edits to the J4 Code were considered. Specifically, the following major points were discussed:

- The removal of the stability section in its entirety, with a view that it be re-introduced in some form in a future version of VSB6, following the eventual development of a public, online stability calculator as part of an NHVR-funded program.
- The clarification that the J4 Code only applies to 'traditional' tipping body vehicles, and will not immediately apply to other types of vehicles that feature tipping bodies (i.e. tankers, street sweepers, waste collection vehicles, specialised construction vehicles).

Members are advised that these changes are not certain, but have been flagged by the NHVR as possibilities, and were supported unanimously by the representatives of each industry association. These changes are also expected to alleviate other concerns from industry, such as the number of available AVEs to complete J4 work, and AVE liability, as the scope of the J4 Code will be reduced and its requirements simplified. Members will have the chance to view the finalised code once it is publicly released.

#### **Proposed timeline for implementation**

The NHVR has proposed a tentative implementation process as outlined below.

Proposed date	Stage	
1 July 2024	Stage 1 – Release	The public release of the finalised J4 code. Body builders and certifiers can view the code in full and prepare to comply with it.
1 September 2024	State 2 – Activation	The J4 code is 'activated' in that AVEs can commence submitting J4 certification packages to jurisdictions for review and approval.
1 March 2025	State 3 – Commencement	All new vehicles captured under the J4 code must comply with it in order to be an approved modification.

***\*Please note these dates have been selected to avoid the busy periods of end of financial year, and end of calendar year activities.***

CVIAV is seeking feedback from members regarding the proposed implementation process and start dates. To provide any feedback please contact Dr Imogen Garcia Reid directly [igarciareid@vacc.com.au](mailto:igarciareid@vacc.com.au) by COB Wednesday 12 June 2023. Industry feedback will be consolidated and forwarded to the NHVR for consideration.

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